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Community Rallies to Support TPSO Detective

Almost \$10,000 raised at Saturday fundraiser

Tangi Times Report

Bright Sun and temperatures in the mid-90s couldn't melt the spirit of humanity as hundreds of people turned out for a fundraiser to support Mike Johnson, a Tangipahoa Parish Sheriff's Office CID detective who needs a double lung transplant next month. Funds were generated from sales of plate lunches, AR-15 raffle tickets, a 50/50 drawing, a bake sale, a car show, a silent auction, and cash donations.

At the end of the hot June day, funds raised from all sources totaled almost \$10,000.

Mike was diagnosed with end-of-life COPD and given two choices: get a double lung transplant or die within two years. After receiving the news and telling his family that he was not going to fight for life, Mike had an epiphany late last summer and decided that he wanted to live. He then began the preparation process for an organ transplant operation.

The Tangi Times was honored to have been contacted by Mike's family to promote the fundraiser, which was held at the Ponchatoula Lions Club on Saturday, June 21.



Above, TPSO CID Detective Mike Johnson, center, poses with the members of local southern rock band Northbound 55, who performed free of charge at his fundraiser on Saturday. At the end of their set, the band donated their tips to Mike and presented him with a complimentary T-shirt displaying the band's logo.

Over 50 cars, trucks, and bikes showed up for a car show organized to support the benefit. The vehicles competed in nine categories. The winners were:

CLASSIC – 1960 Blue Corvette; owner – Walter Dauterie
MUSCLE – 1966 Pontiac GTO; owner – Urban Fontenot
BIKE – 2001 Custom Harley; owner – Michael Swynn
TRUCK – 1956 Ford F-100; owner – Donald Handrix
SPORTS CAR – 1929 Ford Roadster; owner – Bruce Savoy
CLEANEST ENGINE – 1972 Chevy Chevelle; owner – Lonnie Hanna
BEST INTERIOR – 1958 Chevy Impala; owner – Faron Duhe
BEST PAINT – 1976 Ford F-250; owner – Mark Desaulles
BEST IN SHOW – 1960 Blue Corvette; owner – Walter Dauterie

The car show was coordinated by Jody Borne, who was assisted by Doyle Hoover and Jay Kershenstine, under the Strawberry Festival tent.

See MIKE JOHNSON, Page 4

The Tiny Recycler Who Could

By STEFANIE BROOKE • Tangi Times Community Journalist

If you've ever visited the Ponchatoula Library and noticed the humble little bin quietly collecting paper near the entrance, you can thank Zaya Johnson — a seven-year-old with big ideas, a recycling mission, and a family just crazy enough to go along for the ride.

Zaya and her family launched their recycling project in March 2024 after attending a craft event at the library. "We were like, there's no recycling here," Zaya recalled. So, naturally, she decided to fix that.

With the help of her mom Megann, dad Anthony, and baby brother Hayes (whose official title seems to be "happy passenger"), Zaya set up a paper recycling bin inside the Ponchatoula Branch Library. Since then, the Johnson family has been faithfully collecting the



Courtesy photo

paper from the bin and delivering it to the City Maintenance Facility on North Fourth Street during the official community drop-off days – the second and fourth Saturdays of each month.

"I can't drive myself there because I'm only seven," Zaya pointed out helpfully, "and sometimes the bin is kind of heavy." That's where her dad helps – with the transportation while Zaya assists with the unloading and baby Hayes coos encouragement from the back seat.

In the beginning, the bin filled slowly. "It took a month to fill the first time," Anthony said. "Now it's always full." Even if some people still think they're a little bit quirky for doing it, the Johnsons know they've made a difference. Zaya's friend Kyler now knows what can and can't be recycled, and more library visitors are tossing their paper in the right place thanks to one determined little girl.

"I like it because more people use it now," Zaya said. "Before, people would just throw it in the garbage."

The Johnson family moved to Florida at the end of May, but the project will live on. A local Girl Scout troop is stepping in to keep the effort going, continuing

See RECYCLER, Page 9

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But don't catfish, man

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By OLE HARDHIDE
The Alligator

Swampies! Please tell Old Hardhide it ain't so!

Now y'all know that Yours Truly is a cosmopolitan crocodilian. A gator about town, if you will. So this fine reptile is no stranger to idioms of a very wide variety. But just this morning, I overheard some folks in a coffee shop talking about me, so naturally, I tuned my senses to pick up everything they said.

Now let me preface the rest of this tale with a little disclaimer: the Hide does not eavesdrop. Nope. Doesn't happen. I can't help it if I was born with excellent auditory capabilities. This is not to brag – as you know, Gatorus Supremus is extremely humble, and one thing I can't stand is pomposity. I can't help it if I am innately superior to everyone around me.

Anyhoo, back to the story. So these people were talking about their favorite column, which (no surprise) happens to be this exquisite column that you're reading right this very second. The topic came up about how much Old Hardhide gets around. I'm sure they meant it in a good way. Then one of them speculated about the main gator getting even busier as the Tangi Times keeps growing. The other one nodded and said, "Yes, that Old Hardhide is about to get sliced really thin!"

WHAT?!?! Slice Old Hardhide thin? Or thick – whatever! Nobody is slicing up the Hide like some Manchac fried catfish!

So what I need from you, all my loyal fans, is some assurance that this part of the conversation was figurative. Someone email your favorite gator narrator and explain what it means to be "sliced thin" – if, in fact, it means something other than being sliced thin. You know how to reach me – hardhide@tangitimes.com. I'll be waiting!

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Marshall Graves
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MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Mayor Wesley Daniels
City of Ponchatoula

As I near the end of my first year serving as Mayor of Ponchatoula, I want to take a moment to reflect on the progress we've made together – and share a glimpse of the hard work happening behind the scenes each and every day.

From the very beginning of my campaign, I made it a priority to improve communication between City Hall and the residents we serve. I hope that throughout this first year, I have been accessible, transparent, and responsive. One of the ways we've committed to this is through a weekly article in the Tangi Times – a simple but meaningful way to keep you informed and engaged with what's happening in your city.

Right now, there are \$11,767,000 actively moving through various grants, federal funding sources, and partnerships to improve Ponchatoula. These funds are not just numbers on a page – they are investments in our people, our parks, and our future.

Some of the key projects currently underway include The Barringer Road Project, Athletic Park, and the Community Center outdoor basketball court. We've installed new equipment at Memorial Park, made progress on a significant sewer infrastructure project, continued to address drainage issues throughout the city, installed a new city Christmas tree, and kicked off a beautification initiative that reflects the pride we all share in our community.

I established a Brown Water Committee, made up of appointed local residents, to help address the ongoing issue of brown water through collaboration, communication, and problem-solving. While some of our initial grant applications were unsuccessful, they provided valuable insight and data that have poised us to better pursue future state and federal funding opportunities.

I want to take a moment to acknowledge that many of these projects were initiated by former Mayor Bob Zabbia and his team. I'm grateful for the groundwork they laid, and I view our administration's role as continuing and building upon their efforts with care and intention.

We're also continuing to pursue additional grants to further improve our local parks – spaces that bring families together, support healthy living, and offer a place for connection and joy.

This year, we made thoughtful adjustments to one of our most beloved traditions – the Ponchatoula Strawberry Festival. In response to new challenges, we modified festival hours to better accommodate families and enhance public safety.

We also passed key ordinances, including one prohibiting the sale of Kratom within city limits, reflecting our commitment to the health and safety of our residents. Additionally, we've taken steps to address homelessness with both compassion and accountability, implementing policy solutions that prioritize dignity while maintaining safety and public order.

Just recently, we completed the 2025–2026 fiscal year budget, a strategic plan that reflects our priorities and keeps Ponchatoula on a steady path forward.

What many don't see is the tremendous amount of time, effort, collaboration, and patience that goes into each one of these initiatives. None of this happens overnight; but it is happening because of a dedicated team and a community that cares deeply.

Although this first year has had its challenges, my resolve and dedication to the city of Ponchatoula has been strengthened by the support of our amazing community and my hardworking team at City Hall.

Thank you again for this opportunity; it has been the honor of my life.

"I love our city, and
I love its people."
-Wesley Daniels

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WHAT'S HAPPENING!!

in Tangi

Friday June 27

7-8 pm

Learn East Coast Swing
Twin Steeples Creative Arts Center
220 E. Oak St., Ponchatoula

Saturday June 28

8am

Rosaryville's Nun Run
Rosaryville Retreat Center
39003 Rosaryville Rd, Ponchatoula

Saturday June 28

10 am – 3 pm

Car Show
Ponchatoula Roller Rink
22024 Hwy 22, Ponchatoula

Sunday June 29

5-9 pm

Town of Springfield 4th of July
Celebration
Livingston Parish Fire Protection
District #2
Downtown Springfield

Tuesday July 1

6:30 pm

Wine Bingo
Crescent Lounge
120 W Pine St., Ponchatoula

Friday July 4

6 pm

Light Up the Sky for the 4th of July
Zemurray Park
400 S. Oak St., Hammond

Friday July 4

5 pm

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Mounted Division Captures Shoplifter during Store Opening Event From TPSO



Caddy



Yella

Over the weekend, Tangipahoa Parish Sheriff's Office (TPSO) assisted the Ponchatoula Police Department (PPD) with a shoplifting case that occurred during a store's grand opening.

Theresa Prine, 35, was issued a summons by PPD

for Felony Theft in connection with the incident.

On Saturday June 21, as TPSO's Mounted and Marine division was present at the new Tractor Supply store on I-55 Service Road in Ponchatoula, a woman walked out of the store with a full shopping cart

full of tools and equipment she hadn't paid for. When the store owner confronted the woman, she ran away.

But the two TPSO Mounted teams present chased after the woman and were able to detain her until PPD arrived due to the store being in their jurisdiction. It was determined the cart the woman was trying to leave with contained more than \$1200 worth of merchandise.

"It may often appear that our Mounted Division comes around just for show and smiles, but these teams are skilled and trained as crime-fighting and prevention resources, including crowd control and, like in this case, foot-versus-hoof pursuits," said Sheriff Gerald Sticker.

The TPSO stands ready to assist our law enforcement partners at any time and at any type of event.

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Kentwood City Hall
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Kentwood Co-op
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Grace Filled Donuts

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Roseland

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TG Mini Mart

Tickfaw

Alissa's Beauty Salon

TANGI GUMBO

Asphalt patching, shoulder dressing, and striping operations are scheduled this week in Tangipahoa Parish. Parish President Robby Miller said Barriere Construction crews are scheduled to perform preliminary patching operations on North Duncan Avenue on Monday, June 23. Crews are also scheduled to perform the following jobs during the week of June 23: Shoulder Dressing: Old Covington, Arbovale, East Park, Perry, Pardo, South I-12 Service Road, Whiskey Lane, New Genessee, Chappapeela, and Woodstone Drive; Striping Operations: Wadesboro, Old Covington, Dennis, South Pine, East Park, Crisp Lane, North Billyville, and Shaffer. All work is weather-permitting, and motorists can expect intermittent delays in construction zones. For updates on road closures in Tangipahoa Parish, consult the Tangipahoa.org website and the TPG social media channels.

At the Miss Louisiana pageant over the weekend, Southeastern Louisiana University delegates Eva Delatte and Samantha Kapoulas were honored for their achievements beyond the stage. Delatte, Miss Southeastern, received both the Glenda Moss Memorial Passion for Dance Scholarship and the Women in Education Scholarship, totaling \$2,000. Kapoulas, Miss Jazzland, was awarded the \$500 STEAM Scholarship in recognition of her accomplishments in science and the arts. These awards highlight the academic excellence, talent, and commitment Southeastern's representatives bring to the competition.

Tangipahoa Parish Government is alerting residents to an uptick in mosquito activity and West Nile Virus (WNV) cases as summer thunderstorms bring increased rainfall and standing water. The Tangipahoa Mosquito Abatement District reports that seven mosquito samples from southern Tangipahoa have tested positive for WNV this week, prompting additional treatments in the Hammond area, weather permitting. With over 13 inches of rain in the past seven weeks, environmental conditions are fueling mosquito growth. Of the 858 samples tested so far in 2025, 15 have tested positive. See the Mosquito Abatement presentation in this issue of the Tangi Times.

Scientists at Southeastern Louisiana University have discovered dangerously high levels of toxic metals and other pollutants in Lake Maurepas, linking the contamination primarily to industrial and human activities. Led by chemistry professor Fereshteh Emami, the research team analyzed 400 water and sediment samples collected from various locations between June and December 2023, revealing alarming concentrations of arsenic, lead, cadmium, nickel, and other metals—some reaching thousands of percent above Environmental Protection Agency safety limits. Using newly developed tracing methodologies, the team identified Pass Manchac and three rivers—the Blind, Amite, and Tickfaw—as key pollution sources. A spike in contaminants was also observed following the October 2023 "super-fog" pileup on I-55, suggesting runoff from vehicle combustion contributed to the toxic load. The findings raise serious public health concerns and underscore the urgent need for upstream sampling and tighter pollution controls.

The Tangi Times *Talk of the Town!*

If you were forced to give up one of these Louisiana sweet treats forever, which would you choose?

- a. Bread Pudding b. King Cake
c. Beignets d. Pralines

Alexandra Pugh
Madisonville



Bye bye,
bread pudding!

Carlene Melton
Ponchatoula



It was a hard call. I had to imagine each one. But...D - Pralines.

Jennifer Collins
Greensburg



Beignets (reluctantly).

Leslie McKnight
Hammond



Bread pudding.

Melissa Wallace
Ponchatoula



Bread pudding.
In over 25 years here, I have never developed a taste for it.

Pamela Newman
Ponchatoula



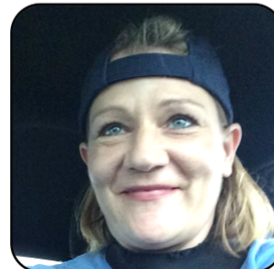
I like them all, but I'd have to say bye bye beignets, simply because the sugar gets everywhere!

Patrick Haggerty
Mandeville



D. Can't imagine never having king cake or bread pudding ever again.

Philicia Mollere
Roseland



Hardest question I've ever had to answer- so no response!

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MIKE JOHNSON

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Tangipahoa Parish Sheriff's Office donated the use of a large tent to provide shaded seating for attendees, and several members of the TPSO family volunteered their time to the event.

Star Equipment of Hammond donated the stage for the benefit, which featured two entertainers throughout the event.

Sensational local southern rock band Northbound 55 played at noon. At the end of the set, the band generously donated the tips they collected to the fundraiser.

After Northbound 55 played, Joey Connor with STARZ Entertainment provided DJ music and karaoke for the remainder of the event.

Both entertainers performed free of charge in support of the cause.

Several TPSO family members contributed their

culinary skills in the kitchen to prepare jambalaya and white beans. Jeff Petkevicius and his team at United by BBQ were onsite with their big rig, cooking the leg quarters to complete the plates, which sold for \$12 each.

When asked to comment on the food, Jody Borne, clutching a handful of napkins, declared, "The jambalaya was awesome, and the chicken was superb!"

After a sentimental speech from Mike Johnson, in a heartwarming demonstration of community love, JR Bardwell with the Ponchatoula Lions Club returned Mike's check for the facility rental and announced that there would be no charge for the day.

The family of Mike Johnson wish to thank the following people and organizations for their support: Star Equipment, Ponchatoula

Lions Club, the Tangi Times, Tangipahoa Parish Sheriff's Office, United by BBQ, Cajun Thunder Motorsports, Transport Ministries, Delta Seven LE Motorcycle Club, Baton Rouge Corvette Club, Northbound 55, STARZ Entertainment, James Sparacello, Don Alexander, Bobby Perez, Jody Borne, Jeff Petkevicius, and everyone else who gave selflessly to make this fundraiser such an outstanding success.

To donate to Mike's double lung transplant fund, please contact Mike's daughter, Brittanni Stewart, at 985-318-9505 or email publisher@tangitimes.com. Checks can be mailed to:

Mike Johnson Fundraiser
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 Cost of Notice: \$ 6.00

CITY OF PONCHATOULA

CITY OF PONCHATOULA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

A regular meeting was held Monday, June 9, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall in Ponchatoula, LA.

Mayor Daniels called the meeting to order and Mrs. James gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council members present: Vergil Sandifer, Melvin Toomer, Danny Elstrott, Roslind Batiste, Jeff Wright
 Public Input –

Mrs. Batiste motioned to accept the minutes of the May regular meeting. Mr. Elstrott second the motion which carried with all present in favor.

Mayor Daniels noted that the

Building, Downtown, Fire, and Police reports are in the council packets.

Mayor Daniels advised monthly Financials are in their packets.

Mayor Daniels opened the floor to a public hearing Ordinance Levying a Tax on all taxable property within the corporate limits of the City of Ponchatoula for the year 2025. Mr. Wright motioned to pass the ordinance. Motion second by Mr. Wright. Motion passed with all in favor.

Mayor Daniels opened the floor to a public hearing for an Amendment to Ordinance 818 – An Ordinance adopting an annual Budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025. Mrs. Batiste motioned to pass the ordinance. Motion second by Mr. Wright. Motion passed with all in favor.

Mayor Daniels opened the floor to a public hearing for an Ordinance approving a 25-year Franchise Agreement between the City of Ponchatoula and Entergy Louisiana LLC. After discussion, Mr. Wright motioned to pass the ordinance. Motion second by Mr. Toomer. Motion passed with Toomer, Elstrott, Batiste and Wright for. Toomer against.

Mayor Daniels opened the floor to a public hearing for an Amendment to Ordinance 806 Setting the Salaries for the Elected Officials. Mr. Sandifer motioned to pass the ordinance. Motion second by Mrs. Batiste. Motion passed with all in favor.

Mayor Daniels opened the floor to a public hearing for an Amendment to Ordinance 800 Setting the Salaries for the Appointed Officials.

Mrs. Batiste motioned to pass the ordinance. Motion second by Mr. Toomer. Passed with all in favor.

Mayor Daniels opened the floor to the alcohol permit request for Chief's Pub LLC at 165 W. Pine Street owned by Stuart Murphy and Dennis Pevey. After discussion, Mr. Wright motioned to approve the permit request. Motion second by Mr. Sandifer. Motion passed with all in favor.

Mayor Daniels opened the floor to the appointment of the Official Journal for 2025-2026 year. Mr. Toomer motioned to appoint Tangi Times. Motion second by Mr. Wright. Motion passed with all in favor.

Mayor Daniels opened the floor to the appointment of the Civil Service Board member that was to be selected from the college list. Mr. Elstrott recommended only appointing the one person present which was Leslie F Settoon and appoint the second person next month if they are present. After, discussion Mr. Elstrott motioned to appoint Leslie Settoon. Motion second by Mr. Toomer. Motion passed with all in favor.

Mayor Daniels called for Officials Rights of Personal Privilege. During personal privileges Mr. Toomer wanted it stated for the record he had discussed with the Mayor and Mr. Elstrott about installing bathrooms at Kiwanis Park and wanted to recommend getting that done.

Mr. Wright motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:36p.m., which was seconded by Mr. Sandifer. Motion passed with all present voting in favor.

****UNOFFICIAL****

J. Wesley Daniels, Mayor
 Nikki James, City Clerk

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STEM Scholars



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All meals are provided during The Residential Institute.

Lunch is provided for each monthly meeting.

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- Summer Residential Institute on Southeastern Louisiana University's campus (June 22nd - 26th)
- Twice a month (one in-person and one virtual), August 25th - January 26th.



Questions?
 Email Mrs. Gordon:
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PUBLIC NOTICES

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CITY OF PONCHATOULA

ORDINANCE NO. AMENDMENT #1 TO ORDINANCE NO. 817 AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AN ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2025 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2026

Be it ordained by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Ponchatoula that the annual budget for July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 be amended as follows:

Ordinance			
Amended Budget For July 1, 2024 Through June 30, 2025			
General Fund			
	Original		Amended
	FYE		FYE
	6/30/2025		6/30/2025
	Budget	Variance	Budget
Revenues:			
Taxes	4,841,500	(224,500)	4,617,000
Licenses, Permits and Fees	708,200	75,200	783,400
Police Department Revenues	313,900	41,536	355,436
Fire Department Reimbursements	253,300	1,169,400	1,422,700
Sanitation Revenues	1,177,760	(2,560)	1,175,200
Judicial Department	74,700	8,800	65,900
Grants	2,023,000	(1,965,400)	57,600
Other Revenues	1,126,100	178,801	1,304,901
Total Revenues	10,518,460	(736,323)	9,782,137
Expenditures:			
Legislative (Council)	66,800	(6,550)	60,250
Judicial (Court)	285,700	(20,100)	265,600
Executive (Mayor)	277,700	(22,800)	254,900
Financial	806,800	(600)	806,200
Building Official	210,300	1,900	212,200
Other General Administration	421,000	61,300	482,300
Police Department	4,416,500	(6,700)	4,409,800
Fire Protection	2,409,300	1,257,900	3,667,200
Civil Service	18,200	(8,500)	9,700
Downtown Revitalization Program	11,400	5,700	17,100
Streets	4,640,700	(1,733,245)	2,907,455
Sanitation	1,201,260	(179,060)	1,022,200
Cemetery	119,900	(72,600)	47,300
Community Center	227,900	(17,300)	210,600
Butterfly Garden	2,400	(2,400)	-
Athletic Park	856,500	(361,000)	495,500
Jaycee Park	7,000	(3,100)	3,900
Kiwanis Park	27,500	(2,000)	25,500
Memorial Park	42,500	(21,700)	20,800
John Pine Park	6,700	(3,000)	3,700
Tasker Park	21,000	4,900	25,900
Ponchatoula Wellness Plaza	2,600		2,600
Hickory Street Parking	9,700	22,400	32,100
Youth Education Alliance	90,000	(41,400)	48,600
Resource Center	10,500	(3,500)	7,000
Industrial Park	7,300	8,700	16,000
Collinswood Museum	35,300	(15,900)	19,400
Public City Transport	31,500	(1,500)	30,000
Other Miscellaneous Programs	7,500	400	7,900
Total Expenditures	16,271,460	(1,159,755)	15,111,705
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues	16,271,460		
Over Expenditures	(5,753,000)	423,432	(5,329,568)
Other Financing Sources and (Uses)			
Sale of City Property	109,800	(51,200)	58,600
Transfer to Sewer	(2,673,800)	(2,673,800)	-
Transfer to Water	-		
Transfer From 1965 Sales Tax	4,420,000	-	4,420,000
Transfer From Police Millage	409,600	900	410,500
Transfer From Fire Millage	136,900	-	136,900
Total Other Financing Sources and (Uses)	2,202,500	2,623,500	5,026,000
Net Change in Fund Balance	(3,350,500)	3,046,932	(303,568)
Fund Balance, Beginning	6,317,,367		5,009,737
Fund Balance, Ending	5,009,737	-	4,706,169
A motion was made by Mrs. Batiste to adopt the ordinance as amended and was duly seconded by Mr. Sandifer.			

This ordinance having been introduced on May 12, 2025 by Mrs. Batiste, notice of public hearing having been published, said public hearing having been held, and been read by the title at a regular meeting of the City Council on June 9, 2025 and called for final passage and having been put to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS:Sandifer, Toomer, Elstrott, Batiste, Wright
NAYS: none
ABSTAIN: none
ABSENT: none

This Ordinance was declared adopted on June 9, 2025.

s/J. Wesley Daniels, Mayor

s/Nikki James, City Clerk

Delivered to Mayor: June 11, 2025

Received from Mayor: June 11, 2025

Effective Date: June 11, 2025

Cost of Notice: \$ 279.36

ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AN ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2025 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2026

WHEREAS, the annual financial budget attached hereto and made a part hereof reflects estimated revenues and anticipated expenditures for the City of Ponchatoula, LA for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PONCHATOULA:

SECTION ONE: The attached detailed estimate of revenues and such other fiscal exhibits and information as required by LA R.S. 39:1301, Louisiana Budget Act, is hereby adopted to serve as the Budget of Revenues for the City of Ponchatoula for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026.

SECTION TWO: The attached detailed statement of expenditures as reflected in the consolidated statement is hereby adopted for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026.

SECTION THREE: The adoption of the budget of expenditures is hereby declared to operate as an appropriation of the amount therein set forth within the term of the budget classification.

SECTION FOUR: As required by LA R.S. 39:1301-1314 plus amendments, the adopted budget and any duly authorized adopted amendments shall form the framework from which the Mayor and members of the governing authority of the City of Ponchatoula shall monitor revenues and control expenditures. The Mayor shall advise the governing authority in writing when:

- 1) Revenue collections plus projected revenue collections for the remainder of the year, within a fund, are failing to meet estimated annual revenues by five percent or more.
- 2) Actual expenditures plus projected expenditures for the remainder of the year, within a fund are exceeding the estimated budget of expenditures by five percent or more.
- 3) Actual beginning fund balance, within a fund, fails to meet estimated beginning fund balance by five percent or more and fund balance is being used to fund current year expenditures.

The written notification as required by this Section, as well as any responsive action taken by the governing authority shall be transmitted to and retained by the Mayor, who is Chief Administrative Officer.

SECTION FIVE: Nothing in this chapter shall prohibit expenditure of funds in cases of emergency. For purposes of this section, an emergency means an unforeseen event bringing with it destruction or injury of life or property or the eminent threat of such destruction or injury.

SECTION SIX: Where the governing authority has received notice of a five percent variance figure pursuant to LA R.S. 39:1310, it shall adopt a budget amendment in an open meeting. In no event shall a budget amendment be adopted proposing expenditures, which exceed the total of estimated funds available for the fiscal year.

A motion was made by Mrs. Batiste to adopt the ordinance and was duly seconded by Mr. Wright.

This ordinance having been introduced on May 12, 2025 by Mr. Elstrott notice of public hearing having been published, said public hearing having been held, and been read by the title at a regular meeting of the City Council on June 9, 2025 and called for final passage and having been put to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Sandifer, Toomer, Elstrott, Batiste, Wright
NAYS: none
ABSTAIN: none
ABSENT: none
s/J. Wesley Daniels, Mayor
s/Nikki James, City Clerk

Delivered to Mayor: June 11, 2025
Received from Mayor: June 11, 2025
Effective Date: July 1, 2025

Ordinance									
Annual Budget For July 1, 2025 Through June 30, 2026									
General Fund									
								Proposed	
								FYE	
								6/30/2026	
								Budget	
Revenues:									
Taxes								\$ 4,916,600	6.49%
Licenses, Permits and Fees								770,400	-1.66%
Police Department Revenues								483,600	36.06%
Fire Department Reimbursements								253,100	-82.21%
Sanitation Revenues								1,187,000	1.00%
Judicial Department								67,700	2.73%
Grants and Supplemental Pay								442,200	667.71%
Other Revenues								705,300	-45.95%
Total Revenues								8,825,900	-9.78%
Expenditures:									
Legislative (Council)								61,650	2.32%
Judicial (Court)								210,600	-20.71%
Executive (Mayor)								332,500	30.44%
Financial								726,600	-9.87%
Building Official								227,400	7.16%
Other General Administration								481,700	-0.12%
Police Department								4,185,900	-5.08%
Fire Protection								2,315,930	-36.85%
Civil Service								9,900	0.00%
Downtown Revitalization Program								15,000	-12.28%
Streets								3,832,800	31.83%
Sanitation								1,216,000	18.96%
Cemetery								122,500	158.99%
Community Center								296,000	40.55%
Butterfly Garden								-	0.00%
Athletic Park								683,000	37.84%
Jaycee Park								7,000	79.49%
Kiwanis Park								25,200	-1.18%
Memorial Park								32,000	53.85%
John Pine Park								8,700	135.14%
Tasker Park								21,400	-17.37%
Ponchatoula Wellness Plaza								3,600	38.46%
Industrial Park								11,300	-29.38%
Collinswood Museum/USSP/Locomotive								24,300	25.26%
Public City Transportation								31,500	5.00%
Hickory Street Parking								15,300	-52.34%
Youth Education Alliance								74,400	0.00%
Resource Center								8,500	21.43%
Other Miscellaneous Programs								7,900	0.00%
Total Expenditures								14,988,580	-0.81%
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues									
Over Expenditures								(6,162,680)	15.63%
Other Financing Sources and (Uses)									
Proceeds From Sale of City Property								59,200	1.02%
Economic Development Utl Improve								-	0.00%
Sewer Improvements								(3,079,659)	1.02%
Water Improvements									
Transfer In From 1965 Sales Tax								4,465,000	1.02%
Transfer In From Police Millage								414,000	0.85%
Transfer In From Fire Millage								138,500	1.17%
Total Other Financing Sources and (Uses)								1,997,041	-60.27%
Net Change in Fund Balance								(4,165,639)	0.00%
Fund Balance, Beginning								4,706,169	-6.06%
Fund Balance, Ending								\$ 540,530	-88.51%

Cost of Notice: \$282.24

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Full of Possibility

The market may still be slow, but that doesn't mean I'm sitting still. I've been hitting the road, putting miles on my car, and keeping my eyes peeled for hidden gems. Why? Because I've learned that even the most forgotten properties have potential when the right person comes along.

I've always been drawn to investment properties, not just because of the challenge, but because I get to help people. There are people who need a way out of a hardship, or people looking to get their foot in the door of homeownership.

I'm not out here chasing luxury listings. I'm chasing opportunity (not that I wouldn't welcome a million-dollar property at any time).

Just last week, I stum-



Owner/Broker of RAM Properties, Stacey Levin

bled across an abandoned double-wide mobile home sitting on four acres. The grass was overgrown, and you could tell no one had lived there for quite some time.

But it had charm. There were a few scattered buildings like a chicken coop, a small barn, and a shed. And right out front, a massive oak tree stretched across

the driveway, creating what could one day be the most beautiful entrance to someone's forever home.

I tracked down the owner, and he was convinced the bank had already taken the property. Turns out, it wasn't too late.

After a little digging, I found out there was still over a month before the sheriff's sale. That meant I had time to get creative and figure out a solution.

The owner still had a low interest rate, better than anything a buyer could find today, so I reached out to a few investors. One of them might be able to step in, pay off the past-due amount, and bring the property back to life. Maybe even divide the land or fix it up for resale.

In real estate, there is almost always more than one option. You just have to look past what's visible and see the potential.

That's why I need your help.

If you live next to a house that's falling apart, drive

past a forgotten piece of land, or know someone dealing with a financial hardship, reach out. A quick text, a phone call, or even a drop-by at my office could lead to something great for your neighborhood and for the family that owns that land.

You may think a place is too far gone to be worth anything. But I've seen time and time again that with the right connections and a little faith, beauty can rise out of weeds and rotten wood.

Behind every distressed home or empty piece of land is a story waiting to be rewritten. Help me find those stories. If you know of a property that needs new life, reach out. You might just be the missing piece in someone's second chance.

Or if you are interested in investing, give me a call as well and I can help you get started.

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My Day with a Savant

By KASIA PERKOWSKA
Tangi Times Feature Columnist

One of the many perks of working remotely has been getting to meet a variety of amazing people from all over the world.

One of my students, a 7-year-old little girl from Russia, adopted by an American family, has an

uncle who lives with them. He is a savant, otherwise known as a genius, and his main obsession since childhood has been birds. So it was no surprise once he found out his niece's tutor not only taught English, but also ran a bird rescue, a

friendship would ensue.

According to Wikipedia, Savant syndrome is a phenomenon where someone demonstrates exceptional aptitude in one domain, such as art or mathematics, despite significant social or intellectual impairment. Except Robert, my student's uncle, had significant social and intellectual skills. Savants may also have a neuro developmental disease, such as autism, while others may have become savants after an accident caused them to have a brain injury.

Many are unable to fully care for themselves as adults, while others are quite capable, mainly lacking in social skills, but able to stick to routines, schedules, even being able to maintain a job, or live independently, provided they have a support person or people to regularly check on them.

Robert was mostly independent, living on his own, until Covid, when the company he worked for ended up closing. Losing a job he loved and unable to find a new one he could physically go to and enjoy, his sister employed him as babysitter and math tutor for their 5 homeschooled children.

Robert would always sit

in the same room as his niece during our Zoom calls and would sometimes matter-of-factly point out my mistakes when I incorrectly explained things. After a few months of my giving his niece lessons, he asked me if I would mind him spending the day shadowing me and taking notes as I went about my daily routine.

He also told me that he had never seen a real chicken. At the end of every lesson, I'd stay online for a few minutes and bring one of my chickens for him to see and ask questions about it.

After addressing every single one of my own concerns to put my mind at ease, it was decided Robert would spend a day with me. He would be dropped off one morning, and the rest of the family would spend the day touring New Orleans, as they lived two hours out of town.

I was nervous because I know there are many things that can trigger someone who's on the spectrum, and since I didn't know most of his triggers, or how he would react, I didn't think it was a good idea. But as Robert put it, it was the best idea he ever had, and we both learned a lot that day.

He was dropped off at

(See SAVANT on Page 10)

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From June 18, 2025

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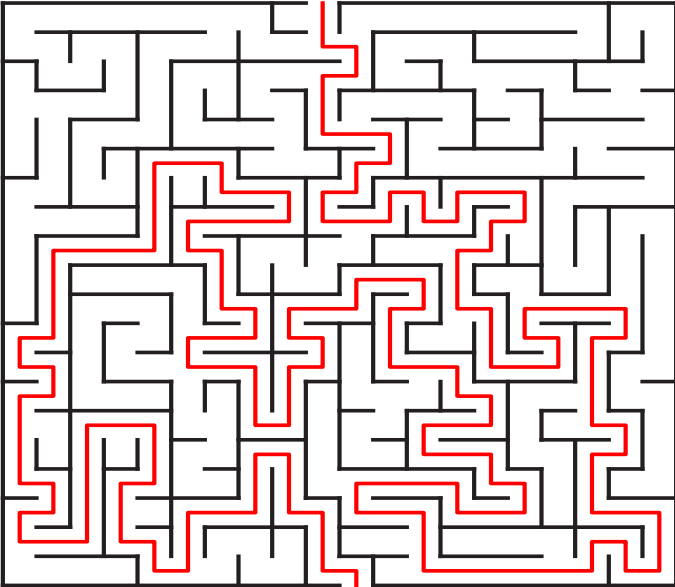
SOLUTION

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Congratulations to Captain Jim Mascair for solving this challenging Brain Teaser!

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- Cats
- Event
- Sunlight

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Campus Corner

By PABLO CREWES
Tangi Times Sportswriter

This week's Campus Corner sees the Southeastern Lady Lion softball team continue to retool for a run at a third straight NCAA regional appearance by adding three new players, including a pair with postseason experience. On Thursday, Coach Rick Fremin announced the additions of Katie Lott, Tyler Oubre, and Veronica Puckett.

Lott transfers in from a Texas Tech squad who

played for the national championship series. It was the second trip to Oklahoma City for the 5'8 infielder, who started 16 games for Oklahoma State's 2023 team, who made it to the College World Series.

Ouber, a Destrehan product, returns to the Pelican State after years in Virginia at Liberty University. The 5'10 right hander went 2-0 with a 2.45

earned run average for a Flames team who reached the super regionals.

Puckett comes to Hammond from Daytona State College, where the 5'7 outfielder went .306 at the plate, scoring 33 runs and stealing 21 bases.

That brings the total number of signees to eight for SLU, who just completed the most successful season in school history.

To read up more on the new signees and all of Southeastern athletics, log on to their official home at lionsports.net.

Tulane Football to Host Women's Clinic in July

By JOEL RAY
Tangi Times Sportswriter

Tulane Football will host its annual Women's Clinic on Wednesday, July 23, from 5:30-8:30 at Yulman Stadium.

The clinic costs \$50 per person and includes a T-shirt, light snack, and drinks.

Those who attend will also get a behind the scenes look at Tulane Football.

Participants will have the opportunity to engage in football teaching sessions from coaching staff, a weight room session, a locker room uniform photo shoot, and on-field drills coordinated by coaches and current Tulane football players.

Tulane Head Football Coach Jon Sumrall and his wife Ginny will also host an exclusive question and answer session.



Among the other festivities are a silent auction and shopping opportunities at local vendors.

The silent auction features a signed football from Coach Sumrall and New Orleans Saints Head Coach Kellen Moore, a Pregame Sideline Pass for the September 13 home night football game against the Duke Blue Devils, and an opportunity to have lunch with Jon and Ginny Sumrall.

Food for the clinic will be provided by Felipe's Mexican Taqueria.

Tangi Times Sportswriter Joel Ray is a member of the Louisiana Sports Writers Association.

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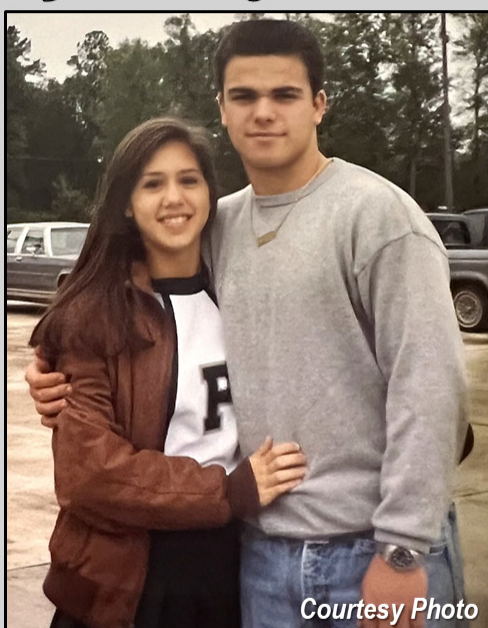
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Happy 26th Anniversary Johnny and Strader Cieutat!



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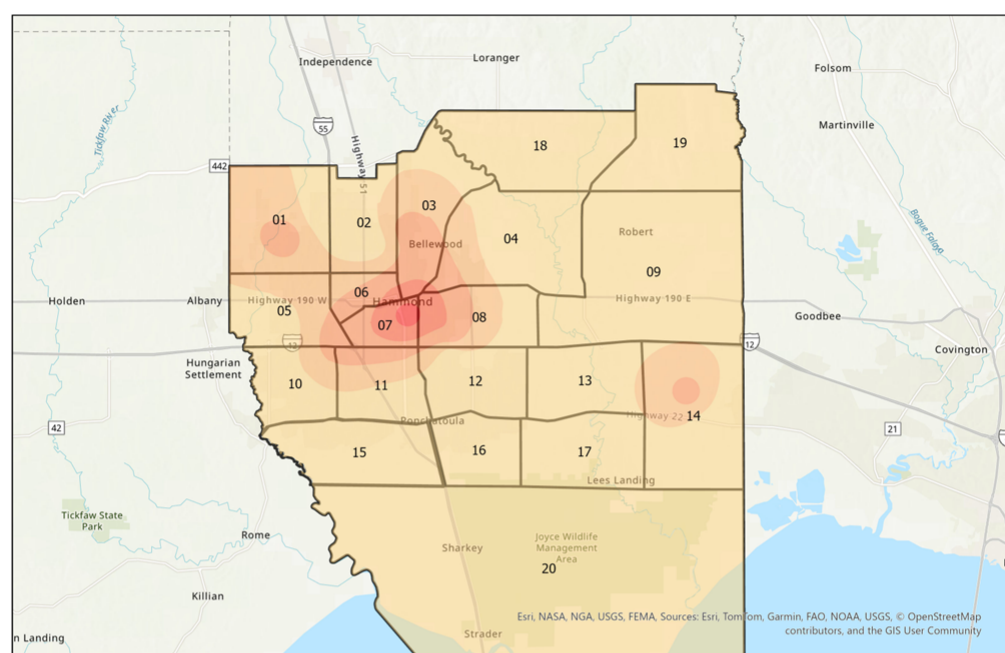
Johnny and Strader were
married on June 18, 1999

Independence Officials Serve Spaghetti Dinners on Sunday

Independence Mayor Jim Paine and his wife Lisa, along with newly elected Independence Aldermen Gaye Guzzardo and Reggie Martin, prepared a delicious spaghetti dinner and served over 60 meals to members of Zion Travelers Baptist Church and their guests on Sunday.



West Nile Virus Detected in Seven Samples Last Week



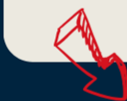
WNV Risk Map

West Nile Virus (WNV) Risk values are calculated based on methodology designed by the CDC. Areas are assigned a value of 0-5 with 0 being lowest risk and 5 being well above average risk. The risk is calculated based on factors to include, Mosquito counts, disease positive mosquitoes found, and other environmental factors.



How Environmental Conditions Affect Mosquitoes

Environmental factors can play an important role in the transmission of West Nile Virus. Rainfall can create an optimal habitat for mosquitoes, including those that transmit WNV. Additionally, rising temperatures can speed up larval hatch-offs, allowing mosquito numbers to multiply quickly.



DEFENSE INSIDE THE LEVELS

Routine mosquito defense. Remove standing water & empty your trash, removing all possible breeding sites.

LEVEL 3

Use previous steps & consider using mosquito repellent.

LEVEL 3.5

Use previous steps & consider wearing light-colored clothing. Mosquitoes are attracted to dark colors.

LEVEL 4

Use previous steps & consider wearing long sleeves.

LEVEL 4.5

Use previous steps & consider limiting your time outdoors during dawn & dusk.

LEVEL 5

ATTENTION

Pay attention to the levels of "DEET" or "picaridin" to understand how long the repellent will last.

<10% DEET & PICARIDIN : 1-2 HOURS
~15% DEET & PICARIDIN : 2-4 HOURS
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Zaya's advice to anyone thinking about starting their own community recycling effort? "First you want to put some bins out, at least one or two, and then you should pick it up if you need to and go put it in the recycling thing."

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SAVANT

6am sharp, with a brand-new composition book and pen to take notes, and a journal with 13 pages of neatly handwritten questions, color coded blue, red, green, and purple, according to level of importance. The red ones were of highest importance.

He came prepared, and within three minutes, I realized that he had been paying very close attention to remembering every single detail of every step I had explained to him on video chat over the previous months. To say I was stunned would be an understatement!

I’ve learned a lot about savants from movies, documentaries, and articles. But to actually meet and interact one on one with these intriguing people is an entirely different story.

The best way I can sum it up is spending the day with someone like Albert Einstein, with the purity, trust, and innocence of a child. He wanted what he called, “the whole enchilada” – a full, hands-on experience, because he needed to decide if he would be good at working with birds.

He was amazing! The absolute best volunteer I’ve ever had, who followed directions precisely as instructed or shown, never complained, and filled half a notebook with notes, diagrams, and sketches. He said he learned a lot.

But on that day, I learned a lot, too.

It became quickly apparent how uncomfortable

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Robert was with the unfairness of everything in this world, especially the treatment of animals. While the average person may only realize a problem on the surface level, and therefore come up with surface level solutions, Robert quoted research papers and collected data to come up with the best way to make things better.

Most savants have no filter, don’t understand social cues, and are very open and honest about what’s on their mind. Many things said may be misunderstood, and other people’s feelings may end up getting unintentionally hurt, but this is never done intentionally. A lot of people don’t understand the transparency, openness, and blurting out whatever they may be thinking, without any regard to how others around them may perceive their statement or comment.

A lot of people may get offended by a matter-of-fact statement made with no emotion or facial expression to show how the person may be feeling. Some may even walk away, or whisper something about the person being rude, and judge, not realizing that not all disabilities are visible to the naked eye, and people with different mental abilities need to be treated with love and respect, just like any other person.

Robert explained how he needed notes reminding him of what to do and how to act in various social situations, because he felt

awkward around people and didn’t feel good enough most of his life. Being bullied throughout childhood and his adult life, not knowing how to cope with it or how to make it stop, he was frustrated with himself for being like this, but he didn’t understand why, since he couldn’t change who he was.

He tried his best to explain how it made him feel not to be able to feel emotions like love and empathy, yet he felt angry and frustrated with himself for not being able to feel them, which confused him.

We spent a good bit of the day picking up rescues, one of which required being cornered and caught, which he executed flawlessly. During this time, he opened up more, and I got to know the real Robert – not just the character he portrayed online or what his family told me.

I realized there was much more to him than just speaking over a dozen languages and tutoring math. He said he wished people could understand that he’s not rude, he’s just unaware of changes in social situations, and most feel too awkward to stick around and have a conversation. He shared that over the years, he’s felt very alone, misunderstood, judged, and unaccepted.

When we were on our way back from dropping a bird off at LSU, he kept whispering to himself, “I wish...” but never finished. I didn’t press, but when his family came to pick him up, he wanted to tell me something. He turned to me and whispered in my ear, “I wish people didn’t call me a genius. I don’t want to be Robert the genius. I want to be just normal Robert.”

This really hit deep. In a world full of everyone judging each other and everyone else, all we all really want is to be accepted as we are, flaws and all, all of us perfectly imperfect.

The Tangi Times

Dubious News

Hello friends!

My businesspeople out there know that marketing can be very creative and fun! Well, apparently, it can also be quite violent. In 2013, LG released a new smartphone in South Korea. As part of a playful promotional campaign, vouchers for free cell phones were tied to 100 helium balloons and released into a park. LG expected attendees to retrieve the balloons as they descended.

Unfortunately, they failed to predict impatient people bringing BB guns and spears to drop the balloons faster. By the end of the event, twenty people laid injured in the grass, and seven were even rushed to the hospital. A local news anchor even dubbed the event “World War G.”

LG covered all medical expenses and issued apologies for their blunder. The moral of the story is: don’t let your cute idea become apocalyptic. Safety first! Until next time!

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